

**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
INFORMATION RESOURCES MANAGEMENT BOARD**

Workshop Report

Date/Place: May 17, 2001/Department of Administration, Providence, Rhode Island

Purpose: To receive a presentation on security/best practices and to discuss state security needs and strategy.

Members Present: Barbara Weaver, OLIS (Chair); James Berard, DOC; William Fagan, DLT; William Ferland, OHE; Michael Hogan, RI House Policy Office; Janet Levesque, RILOCAT; Raymond McKay, City of Warwick; Dexter Merry, Public Telecommunications Authority; Joseph Pangborn, Department of Elementary & Secondary Education; Joan Ress Reeves, Library Board of RI; Bruce Reirden, Care New England; Kathleen Spangler, MHRH; Christopher Wessells, URI; Don Wolfe, Brown University

Members Absent: Hon. Daniel DaPonte, RI Senate; Hon. Edward S. Inman III, Secretary of State; Stephen McAllister, Budget Office, DOA; James R. Monti, Jr., West Warwick School Department

Other Attendees: John P. Dubiel, Scott Lincoln, and John Spatafora—Gartner Consulting; Howard Boksenbaum, Joseph Mooney, and Richard Paquette—OLIS

Reporting: Carol Ciotola, OLIS

Chair's Report—As a result of the Board's motion at its April 19 meeting to send a letter to Department of Administration Director Robert L. Carl, Jr., Ph.D., requesting a meeting to discuss Board concerns about Article 6, Ms. Weaver reported that a meeting has been scheduled with him on May 18. Those attending: the Board Chair, several members of the Board, Stephen McAllister of the Budget Office, and Clark Greene of the Governor's Office.

Current Security Practice in Rhode Island State Government—Richard Paquette presented an overview on the present status of the State's computer systems. He spoke about several problems that staff has experienced and then explained how OLIS has addressed them.

Presentation: State Security Needs and Strategy—John Spatafora, John Dubiel, and Scott Lincoln from Gartner Consulting made a PowerPoint presentation on Security—Best Practices. Hard copies of this presentation will be made available and distributed to IRMB members.

Based on this presentation and Board discussion/questions, the next step will be for the Chair and Howard Boksenbaum to meet with Gartner consultants to discuss the State's needs, and to determine how Gartner can best assist the state. The Chair will report back to the Board on this meeting's outcome.

Next Meeting--June 21, 2001, Conference Room "C," Department of Administration Building.